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Senator Carpenter Encourages Wisconsin's Congressional Delegation to Address Challenges to Immigration System.

Madison – Today State Senator Tim Carpenter (D-Milwaukee) released the following letter he sent to Wisconsin's congressional delegation that represents Wisconsin's Third Senate District, encouraging the federal government to address the challenges facing The United States' immigration system.

As the federal representatives for those who live in Wisconsin's Third State Senate District, I wanted to urge you to take the opportunity this session to take up the issue of immigration reform.

For the past several years I have held meetings with members of our community who have expressed frustration at the lack of progress at the federal level in addressing the challenges facing The United States' immigration system. Their concerns include inconsistent enforcement of existing laws and barriers to those who would like to work towards becoming naturalized and legal citizens of our country.

I am encouraged by the remarks that have been made by the president and leaders on both sides of the political aisle that this issue is a priority to be addressed in the new congressional legislative session.

These are complex issues, but a delay in resolving them has led some to look for state intervention in what is a federal concern. I encourage you and your fellow members of Congress to work to address the problems with the current federal immigration system.

Thank you for your consideration.

Senator Carpenter is the ranking Democratic member of the Senate Committee on State and Federal Relations. A copy of the letter accompanies this release.

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